Remarks

By the present amendment, claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 13-17, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28-32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 48, 50, 51, 52, 54-58, and 60-78 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The amendment is made to bring the application into conformity with the new patent rules that currently become effective November 1, 2007.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this amendment. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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